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SUBJECT: DEPARTING SOVIET AMBASSADOR, V.N. BENDRYSHEV

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 2070

1. SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO MALAYSIA V. N. BENDRYSHEV DEPARTS MALAYSIA TODAY AFTER MORE THAN FOUR YEARS, APPARENTLY TO SERVE IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN MOSCOW (SEE REFTEL). DURING HIS TOUR HERE, BENDRYSHEV HAS IMPRESSED HIS WESTERN AND ASIAN COLLEAGUES WITH HIS OPEN, FRIENDLY MANNER. HE BANTERS EASILY ON SUPERFICIAL SUBJECTS, AND IS FOND OF DISPLAYING HIS KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE U.S. FROM HIS YEARS OF SERVICE AT THE U.N.

2. HOWEVER, HE IS LESS WELL LIKED BY MALAYSIAN OFFICIALS AND BY HIS EASTERN EUROPEAN COLLEAGUES. IN DEALING WITH THEM, HE HAS APPARENTLY OFTEN BEEN HEAVY-HANDED, BLUNT AND AWKWARD. MANY HAVE RESENTED THESE TACTICS, AND HAVE COMPARED HIM UNFAVORABLY TO HIS EASY-GOING, GOLF-PLAYING PREDECESSOR, JUZNETSOV. CERTAINLY, SENIOR MALAYSIAN OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT THE SOVIETS DURING BENDRYSHEV'S STEWARDSHIP HERE HAVE BEHAVED LESS CORRECTLY THAN THEIR PRC RIVALS.

3. IN DEALING WITH NON-COMMUNIST COLLEAGUES ON
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SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES, BENDRYSHEV HAS HEWN PRETTY MUCH TO WHATEVER ARE THE CURRENT STANDARD SOVIET LINES EVEN TO THE POINT OF DENYING ANY INCONSISTENCIES WHEN THOSE LINES SHIFT WITH THE EXIGENCIES OF THE MOMENT.
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